

ABSTRACT

A support structure for supporting a rear portion of a patient transport cart is described. The support structure supports the weight at the rear of the cart during normal operation and while loading and unloading of the cart into and out of an ambulance, i.e., at times when the undercarriage of the cart is folded into a compact position and the ambulance is supporting only the front end of the cart. The support structure includes a main body assembly, a wheel assembly attached to the bottom of the main body assembly and oriented to rotate about a horizontal axis while supporting the main body assembly, and an attaching means attaching the main body assembly to a member of the patient transport cart proximate to the rear portion of the patient transport cart.